



Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances

Assistant Administrator's Program Priorities FY'06-07

In the past 35 years EPA has addressed many of our nations most compelling environmental concerns. In the "doing" of our work we have developed expertise that is second to none - both here at home and internationally. Not only are our scientists among the best in the world, but our science is cutting edge as well. We have data and information technology that puts us in the forefront of public right to know and assures that we have solid, credible information behind our regulatory and stewardship programs. We know from experience that we can achieve environmental progress and economic growth at the same time. And we know that we can deliver results and we are not afraid to be held accountable for those results.

Taken together this Agency has the people, the information, the commitment and the dedication to address this decades priority environmental concerns. This plan identifies the top priorities for OPPTS. These priorities cascade down from the Administrator's priorities and support the Agency's five overarching goals of Cleaner Air and Affordable Energy, Clean and Safe Water, Healthy Communities and Ecosystems, The Global Environment and A Stronger EPA. As we accomplish each priority and cross it off the list, we will move to the next, and the next until we have addressed them all. We will not accomplish this agenda in a month or a year or two years. We will accomplish it a day at a time; we will adjust when common sense dictates adjustment; and we will move forward. I know from experience that the staff in OPPTS will not only meet the challenges ahead but they will do so in a professional and outstanding way.

OPPTS Priorities

- Complete FQPA deadline - reassess over 9,000 pesticide food use tolerances (August 2006 deadline)
- Pass POP's legislation
- Enhance Worker Protection regulations
- Complete PFOA Risk Assessment Actions
- Finalize plans to implement Endocrine Disruptor Program screening
- Develop and implement a Nanotechnology Framework
- Assure Homeland Security and Avian Flu preparedness
- Address H₂O and Pesticides Interface Issues
- Implement Endangered Species Program
- Integrate P2 across EPA Programs
- Implement targeted actions to meet the 2010 lead goals
- Establish programs to address emerging existing chemical challenges (ex. Hg, dioxin, asbestos, etc.)